#### CHOICE POETIC SELECTIONS.

What They Say at the "Corners." There's Tommy Jones, he lef' this little

I reckon it was thirty years ago. They tell us that the boy's got salted down Five hundred thousand dollars cash or Some folks say that he's clear a millionaire.

They take their hats off when he passes But here we've got no bows nor scrapes to

spare. We knew him when he's jest about so high.

As' Billy Smith—they talk a heap of him, He's writin' books they say is suthin' One day I know my apple tree he clim

An' I jest lammed him till he couldn't stand, An' Silas Hopkins—he's in politics;

They tell us he'll be president, will Si. But both of 'em-we're on to all their tricks-We knew 'em when they's jest about so

There's been a scad o' boys 'at went away,' An' somewheres else they've made a regular fuss. They're famous people, them outsiders say,

But that don't make no difference to us. We reckerlect 'em when they run around Here barefoot, one suspender all awry. They're not much when they strike this stampin' ground.

We knew 'em when they's jest about so -Chicago Daily News.

Comrades.

We are fine old boon companions and we know each other well. And we'll pull together truly-won't we, The duration of this compact time and only time can tell,
But it stands until death breaks it—don't

it, Jack? Sometimes I and sometimes you, Jack, must encounter stormy weather— That's the lot of every mortal, Comrade

But whatever fate befall one it will find us close together,
And we'll meet it like two brothers-won't we, Jack?

What is mine is always yours, Jack, what is yours is always mine; There can be no other feeling—can there,

And it counts for naught that you are three and I am forty-nine-What are years between two comrades,

-E. M. Rewey, in Youth's Companion.

#### Security.

A castle fortress is the heart and strong, Impenetrable—none can storm its gate, Nor are its bolts unlocked by keys of fate, Or hosts of heav'n, or hell, or earth's gay Shall Love unbar its door with Seraph's

Ah, no, nor Beauty, nor shall those who On Passion's harp-tuned pleading for its

Nor spirits even knocking loud and long— Know this, thou child of innocence and grace Who flyeth from thy nest to face earth's

fray, Thy watch a pray'r set o'er thy steadfast Naught need alarm, no fear need blanch

thy face: With diligence thy heart keep day by day, Hold fast within and God shall take thy -Frank Moore Jeffery, in N. Y. Observer.

The Midnight Hour. The world is sleeping, but I waking lie

And watch the moonbeams creep across the floor; I hear the clock proclaim, "No more-no more Will time return when once it passes by."

Yet I impatient wait the lagging day, And plan to fill each hour with busy care; Too slow the moments pass, too slow the Faint light of dawn is moving on its way.

Yet in some coming night, how far, how I cannot tell-it surely waits for me-These lingering moments I should find

more dear Than rain to mariners adrift at sea: For I shall watch and wait the breaking Knowing that I, with night, shall pass

-Ninette M. Lowater, in N. Y. Sun.

# Sunshine.

Just a litte happiness, Just a little pain,
Just some little fleck of shade, Then the sun again.

What's the use of grouchiness O'er the daily grind? Ev'ry cloud that shades your way Has the sun behind.

When you look for trouble Trouble's standing by; When you look for happiness Happiness is nigh.

So brace up and pucker up, Whistle down the wind; Though a cloud may dark the way Sunshine trails behind. -J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

#### A Hard Problem Dis life is an arifmetic

Dat's hahd to understan'; It's a lesson in subtraction Dat mus' come to every man. You's got to fin' de difference-It hurts a little bit-

'Twix' what you thinks you ought to have An' what you gwineter git, Dar's nuffin' dat's too good foh us When we are stahtin' out, But as de years go slippin' by

Dere comes a gloomy doubt. De difference surprises you When it's mos' time to quit, 'Twix' what you thought you ought to have An' what you gwineter git.

The Way of the World. 'Tis not the tallest tree that bears The fruit whose taste is sweetest; The horse that holds the highest head But seldom is the fleetest; The girl who giggles may not have The keenest sense of humor; It chances oft that little truth

Is in the loudest rumor.

He may not have the broadest mind Whose forehead is the tallest; She may possess but little grace Whose waist is squeezed the smallest, And she who weeps beside his grave The bitterest may let her Sad heart be touched the quickest when The next man sighs to get her. -S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

The Ripening Years. In spite of all that poets sing About our childhood's happy hours, It seems to me that ev'ry Spring Brings greener fields and sweeter flowers.

The foliage upon the trees Seems greener as it reappears;
There's something in the very breeze
That grows more sacred with the years.

Somehow with each succeeding June New lusters come into the sky,
Some subtle chord in Nature's tune
Sounds sweeter as the years roll by,
a.W. M. Wissen in Four-Track Norm

#### BREEDING OF HURSES.

There Are Many Reasons Why Farm ers Should Turn Their Attention to This Industry.

Why is it that when a new farm is started the owner has so much difficulty in finding some one who is competent to take charge of the horse breeding end of it? Why is it that if a manager who has been tried and found good desires a new position he can find it in a very short time? Why is it that many of the larger importers of stallions are advertising for salesmen, and lastly, why is it that when the owner of a good horse wants to find an intelligent, experienced man to handle it during the season he has to look around for a long time and finally pay large wages? The answer to these questions is easily enough made, and the text is not so much in the reply as it is in the queries, says Breeder's Gazette. The fact is that men, young or old, capable of managing horse breeding farms or stallions are very scarce, and there does not seem to be very much of an inclination among younger men to devote their time to the study of the equine subject.

Some years ago when values of horses dropped to a low level, attendance at the veterinary colleges fell away to a point where to continue these institutions meant loss for the promoters. Farmers, it is alleged, would rather let horses lie down and die in their stalls than pay out money to save them-it was no use sending good money after bad, they said. It was a strangely noticeable fact, nevertheless, during these years of depression, that if a young man otherwise desirable had a good knowledge of the veterinary profession he could obtain a position as manager of a farm, and many young men so qualified did obtain such appointments, which are now paying them good salaries, and the generation that has ariser after them is doing proportionately well according to experience. But while a good working knowledge of this profession is much to be desired, it is not necessarily essential before a man may manage a horse farm satisfactorily.

There is no reason why a boy born on the farm should not turn his attention to the care of the horse with as much freedom as to the care of cattle, sheep or swine.

### HOGS AFTER CATTLE.

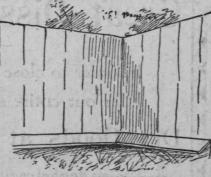
The Pig on the Farm Is a Benefactor to the Stockman as Well as the Consumer.

At a Wisconsin convention in a discussion on the profit of feeding steers L. H. Kerrick said that he could not figure out a profit without having as shown in Fig. 1. She will bend 9:45 pm. swine follow his cattle. In no other the abdomen over, and reach with way could he get full value out of his her hind legs around behind in the corn. That was about three years ago effort, just as shown, to push the finwhen corn was comparatively low in gers away. With the left hand, price. How much more is it true now catch hold of her between the thumb when corn is high in price? Corre- and fore finger in such a way that spondents report cases where stock- the finger will be on top and the men have sent half-fat cattle to mar- thumb beneath. (See Fig 3.) If you ket because they could not buy hogs grab her by the waist you need not to follow their cattle. They figured be afraid of hurting her, for this pos- 5:40 pm; 9:49 p. m. out that they would thus be feeding tion of her anatomy will stand concorn at a loss. This illustrates how siderable pressure without injury. 9:51 pm. closely the beef feeding business is With the right hand take a pair of connected with the hog raising busi- scissors and clip one wing at about ness. The business of swine raising is the point shown in the illustration therefore one of the chief supports of (Fig. 3); but do not clip both wings the cattle raising industry. Take as there shown. In putting the away the hog and the beefmaker queen back on the comb, be very would go out of business or he would careful not to let her drop. Let her charge a much higher price for his down gently on the comb, or raise product. The consumer of beef is the forefinger and let her crawl from therefore doubly blessed in the hog. In the first place, by reason of the hog less than it otherwise would cost; in shown in Fig. 2. She is first picked the second place, the presence on the market of a large supply of pork keeps down the price of beef. The hog is therefore seen to be several times a benefactor .- Farmers' Review.

# PROTECTION FOR PIGS.

Seems Like a Little Thing But Experience Has Proved It to Be a Valuable One.

This is a good plan for the prevention of young pigs being smothered by the sow lying on them, especially for the first week. The illustration will show four strong brackets nailed firm-



THIS PROTECTS PIGS.

ly to the wall. Then nail on a plank 12 inches broad, the front edge to be ten inches from the ground. When the sow goes to lie down by the pigs she scatters them all around, leaving sometimes a few between her and the wall. Instead of crushing these few, the sow will strike the edge of the plank and to wet the chaff, however, but keep the will thus save the little ones under the plank. The straw given to the sow for bedding ought to be cut three inches | Fireside. long. With the above preventive few pigs are lost.-Henry Matthew, in Epitomist.

When to Cut Clover Crop. If clover is left uncut, as many do, until the bloom turns brown, the stem becomes woody, much of the finer and most valuable parts are are renewed is not always economical. lost in the curing and handling, and, It takes vitality and a varied assortshould it be caught out in heavy ment of food to reproduce feathers, rains, it is really of comparatively little value. When cut in the early stages of bloom, rain does but little not always have the feathers and harm, if tended soon after a shower eggs. One or the other must be and put up before it gets too dry.



#### CLIPPING QUEEN'S WINGS.

Beginners Should First Practice on Drones, Then on Worker Bees. to Gain Experience.

To the veteran it may not be necessary to give any specia instructions. But even some of these may be surprised to see that some other veteran's way of doing it is better than their own. The problem of clipping, to the beginner, especially if union. he has never accomplished the feat, seems very difficult, and for his benefit especially, I show the method that I ordinarily employ.

After finding the queen on the to make them stick their heads in home use. Home 'phone 217. the cells. This gets many of them out of the way. Then I reach for the queen. It must be one quick grab. To chase after her with the fingers, occasionally touching the wings, makes her nervous, as well as yourself; and the result is, she will start



HOW TO CLIP THE WINGS.

on a run, and then you may as well to run the risk of maining her. At another time, when she stands in the center, several bees caressing her, make one grasp for the wings with the right hand, just between the abdomen and the thorax. Do not be afraid of crushing the wings; but be careful to avoid pinching or punching the queen on the comb, and especially squeezing her soft abdomen. If you catch her right, she will be the thumb on to the comb.

I have seen some veterans who prethe beef that he consumes has cost ferred to grab hold of the queen as up as shown in 1, then she is caught by the legs as shown in 2. While a veteran can hold a queen in this way, the average beginner would be liable to squeeze too hard and pull her legs off; then if you grab one leg only, the queen will revolve round and round till she twists it off, and in all probability take wing. The plan shown in 1 and 3 is the safer to em-

There will be times when one does not have handy a pair of scissors. Very well; he is to pick the queen up as shown in 1; then hold her with the left hand, as illstrated in 3. Now with the knife in the right hand, place one of the queen's wings on the corner of a hive body or hive cover in such a way that the knife blade will cut through into the wood, severing the wing. I do not know but I would about as soon have a common knife, if it is sharp, as scissors.—Gleanings in Bee Culture.

Making Use of Wheat Chaff.

Wheat chaff is not only an excellent absorbent, but it renders the floor warm and comfortable. It is but a small matter to clean off a floor that has been covered with half an inch of chaff, as it brings with it all the droppings, and leaves the floor smooth and clean. It is better than dirt in one respect, for it serves as a kind of litter in which the hens will work and scratch if a few grains are thrown over the chaff, and this is what you should aim for. Do not allow the drinking water material dry, and there will be less liability of roup and colds.-Farm and

Plucking Ducks and Geese. The best time to pluck ducks and geese is when they begin to drop their feathers. It is better to pluck them than to have their feathers scattered in every direction, but the practice of plucking them every time the feathers and as this is a drain on the system the females will not lay. You cansacrificed.-Farm and Fireside.

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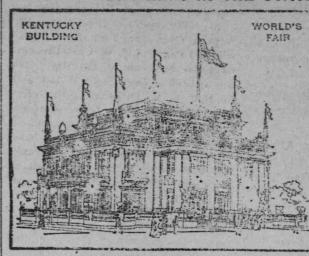
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